Minutes of the regular meeting of the Big Plains Water and Sewer Special Service District, Washington County, Utah that was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2013 at the Smithsonian Fire Department Building, 1777 N. Meadowlark Dr., Apple Valley, Utah.

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
- 2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Harold Merritt.
- 3. Roll Call: Neil Duncan, Jack Davis, Mayor Moser, and Harold Merritt were present. Kevin Sair was excused. Nathan Bronemann took minutes. Legal Counsel was excused. Rod Mills of Ensign Engineering was present.
- 4. Declarations of conflict of interests

None stated.

5. Discussion and action on setting commercial rates and commercial connection fees

Rod Mills reported that Ensign Engineering has evaluated comparative rates for commercial services. He said they looked at St. George, Hurricane, and Washington. He said one method was to double or triple the residential base rate and to bill water usage at one tier for all usage. He said the other method used was to charge a higher base rate depending on the size of the meter being installed.

Motion made by Mayor Moser to schedule a public hearing to discuss and set commercial rates during the regular meeting on November 6th. Neil Duncan seconded the motion. Vote: Neil Duncan-yes, Jack Davis-yes, Mayor Moser-yes, Harold Merritt-yes. The motion passed 4/0.

6. Discussion and possible action on the District logo – Rod Mills

Rod Mills said Ensign Engineering had come up with a few possible District logos. He showed them to the board.

Motion made by Mayor Moser to adopt the logo with the faucet. Neil Duncan seconded the motion. Vote: Neil Duncan-yes, Jack Davis-yes, Mayor Moser-yes, Harold Merritt-yes. The motion passed 4/0.

7. Prequalification update

Rod Mills said they were waiting for bids to come in.

8. Discussion and action on installing a new water service – Alkema, Rod Mills

Rod Mills said that the Alkemas had hired an attorney that gave a legal opinion regarding an existing utility easement. The opinion stated that the subdivided parcels in the area were surrounded by a 50-foot easement to run utilities.

Mr. Mills said the District attorney had advised him to draw the proposed water distribution layout through the aforementioned easement. He recommended accepting the Alkemas to connect after paying the standard connection fees.

Motion made by Neil Duncan to accepting the Alkemas to connect to the system. Jack Davis seconded the motion. Vote: Neil Duncan-yes, Jack Davis-yes, Mayor Moser-yes, Harold Merritt-yes. The motion passed 4/0.

Amy Alkema asked if there would be any way the board could approve a waiver of the impact fee due to the fact that they had done a considerable amount of work to bring this to pass.

Rod Mills agreed that they had gone to a lot of effort. He said that if the District were to waive the impact fee, they would be establishing a president that they would then have to offer to every future user.

Amy Alkema added that the legal opinion that they had procured could be used by any future user in the Sunshine Acres Subdivision.

Mayor Moser said that the Alkemas could charge those users to obtain that legal opinion if that were to happen.

# 9. Acquisitions – Harold Merritt

Nothing to report.

## 10. Funding – Kevin Sair

Nothing to report.

### 11. Operations – Neil Duncan

Neil Duncan said they were just waiting for funding to make some improvements.

## 12. Resource Management – Mayor Moser

Mayor Moser said they were paying the bills and that the District had sufficient funding to take care of its needs.

## 13. Development – Jack Davis

Nothing to report.

Vernae Hansen said that after system repair a couple months ago, a rock had gotten into the system and caused her hydrant to clog open. She requested that the District install a fire hydrant on the end of her system.

Rod Mills said that was the plan to install a fire hydrant.

Vernae Hansen said she wanted it done now because it was a heath hazard.

Harold Merritt said there were several dead ends on the system, his connection included. He said it had taken a lot longer than planned, but that they would be fixing issues as soon as they could.

Rod Mills said they were bidding the project, but that they were still several months out before they would receive federal funding to upgrade the distribution system.

Motion made by Mayor Moser to calculate the cost of installing a fire hydrant before the new system is installed. Jack Davis seconded the motion. Vote: Neil Duncan-yes, Jack Davis-yes, Mayor Moser-yes, Harold Merritt-yes. The motion passed 4/0.

#### 14. Review of Policies and Procedures

Nothing to report.

15. Sewer

Nothing to report.

16. Consent Calendar - Income and Expenses

Motion made by Mayor Moser to adopt the consent calendar. Jack Davis seconded the motion. Vote: Neil Duncan-yes, Jack Davis-yes, Mayor Moser-yes, Harold Merritt-yes. The motion passed 4/0.

- 17. Consider approval of minutes:
  - a. September 18, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes Motion made by Mayor Moser to approve the September 18, 2013 regular meeting minutes. Jack Davis seconded the motion. Vote: Neil Duncan-yes, Jack Davis-yes, Mayor Moser-yes, Harold Merritt-yes. The motion passed 4/0.
- 18. Request for a closed session None requested.
- 19. Adjournment

Motion made by Mayor Moser to adjourn the meeting. Harold Merritt seconded the motion. Vote: Neil Duncan-yes, Jack Davis-yes, Mayor Moser-yes, Harold Merritt-yes. The motion passed 4/0.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:52 Pl	М.
Date approved:	
ATTEST BY:	
Nathan Bronemann	Chairman Harold Merritt